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To: Electric Utilities with a Low Income Assistance Program

From: Shawn C. Brooks, *Shawn C Brooks*
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Re: Chapter 314 Changes and Subsidized Housing

Effective July 31, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission amended Chapter 314 - Statewide Low-Income Assistance Plan. This chapter provides for how two benefits are administered to help qualified low income customers pay their electric bills: the Low-Income Assistance Plan (LIAP) benefit and the Oxygen Pump/Ventilator benefit, which provides assistance to those who use an oxygen pump or ventilator for at least 8 hours a day. Prior to this change, anyone living in subsidized housing was ineligible for either benefit. Now, however, those who live in subsidized housing may be found eligible for these programs.

Utilities are encouraged to direct those interested in finding out if they are eligible for these programs, particularly those who previously may have been ineligible due to living in subsidized housing, to their local Community Action Program (CAP) agency.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact Shawn Brooks, at 207-287-4974, ext. 2005, or by e-mail at shawn.c.brooks@maine.gov. Thank you.

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